

Message From the
President

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To Peak Your Interest



Art Shows:

Stay Tuned For the
2023 Art Shows to
be posted in
January Newsletter



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When you buy something from an artist
you're buying more than an object.
You're buying hundreds of hours of errors
and experimentation.
You're buying years of frustration
and moments of pure joy.
You're not buying just one thing,
you are buying a piece of a heart,
a piece of a soul...
a small piece of someone else's life.

Consider
commissioning
or purchasing
local art
as gifts this year!



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello WVAL Members,

As I gathered the information for the 2022 Year-End review meeting, I began to feel a combination of confidence and relief that a new year was about to begin. The holidays are always a busy time for the league, but at times it seemed busier than ever! From working with One Acre Cafe to help raise funds for the league to radio interviews and also back-to-back art shows while recovering from an injury. I struggled to wrap my head around the end of the year! Some plans this year, unfortunately, did not work out, while other plans were a huge success. However, I am optimistic. We can be confident about the future if we maintain our drive to grow and improve.

Going into the next year, I'd like our members to maintain their active status and enjoy the programs and events we have in store! Already, we have several workshops in the works, like "Zentangle" taught by Sunny Tanner on February 18th, 2023, and possibly others about framing. We are also looking to expand into new venues for an additional themed art show for the Springtime. We are also going to continue expanding our public engagement and outreach program and conduct sponsorship drives to get funding for events next year.

We need a strong and passionate team of leaders to realize the future goals of WVAL. Positions that remain unfilled include Hospitality Director (manages the snack supply for select events), Fundraising Director (selling event sponsorships, and coordinates fundraising activities), and Publicity Director (maintains the contact list for local publicity outlets). I know that we have a talented group of individuals among our membership, and in time, our league will grow into the foundation of our community. I am thankful to everyone in the league, new and legacy members alike, that helped with our activity for this year. I'd also like to thank the members who have stepped up into board positions for next year. It is shaping up to be exciting and very busy, so let us carry this momentum through the holiday season!

Best wishes,
Thomas



CHRISTMAS

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**"ANY FORM OF ART IS A FORM OF POWER;
IT HAS IMPACT, IT CAN AFFECT CHANGE
IT CAN NOT ONLY MOVE US, IT MAKES US MOVE."**

— OSSIE DAVIS



SPECIAL NOTE:

The Covid gratuity of waiving membership dues will end in 2022. We've had three years of voluntary dues, but this cannot continue. Membership dues will be started back up in 2023 and due by April 15th or before you can participate in the Art Shows. Please update all your information when paying dues as we still have incorrect phone numbers and email addresses.

The dues are as follows:

Individual \$35

Couple \$45

Student \$20 (must have a valid student ID and provide a copy with payment of dues)

WATAUGA VALLEY ART LEAGUE *Benefits of Membership*

- * Participate in Art Shows and Events throughout the year
- * The League takes ZERO commission from Artist sales
- * Stay informed of opportunities for Artists in the Appalachian Highlands/Tn Tri-Cities
- * Unlimited access to the WVAL Video Library
- * Receive the Monthly Newsletter
- * Add your profile, artwork and contact information to www.WataugaValleyArtLeague.com
- * Win Awards at Blind Judged Art Shows
- * Volunteer opportunities on the Board of Directors and several Committees
- * Participate in Fundraisers
- * Get Featured on WVAL social media pages
- * Fellowship among talented LOCAL artists who inspire and promote each other

WVAL FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The Watauga Valley Art League would like to have a meeting to organize a plan for collecting sponsorships for workshops and art shows for 2023.

The Board of Directors have fun plans for next year and with your help we can make it happen. Please contact us through social media or email wval@wataugavalleyartleague.com if you are interested.



OUR MISSION IS TO ENCOURAGE ARTISTS AND PROMOTE PUBLIC INTEREST IN FINE ART THROUGH EDUCATION, NETWORKING AND FELLOWSHIP AMONG OUR ARTISTS. WVAL MEMBERSHIP CONSISTS OF ART TEACHERS, PROFESSIONALS HOBBYISTS, AMATEURS AND SOME WHO JUST LOVE ART.